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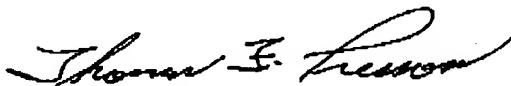
Dear Mr. Nakamura:

Thank you for your facsimile letter dated July 25, 2005.

Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment we today filed in response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005 in the above-referenced matter.

We will keep you fully informed of all further developments in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas F. Presson

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Serial No. : 09/749,345
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Examiner : Jackson, Jakieda R.
Art Unit : 2635

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	14	Minus	** 20	*0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	3	Minus	*** 3	*0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
☐ Checks in the amount of \$ are attached, which cover the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
☐ Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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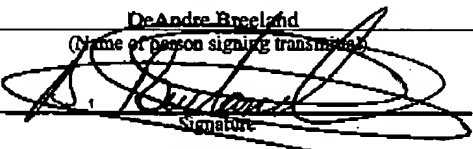
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on July 25, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

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Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.